

REMARKS

In view of the above amendments and following remarks, reconsideration and further examination are requested.

Claims 21, 22, 24-27, 31 and 33 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Kapoor et al (please note that claim 23 was previously canceled); claims 96-100 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Farooq et al.; claims 28, 32, 34 and 35 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but were indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims; and claims 36-95 were allowed.

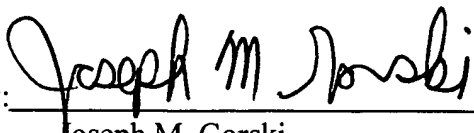
The indication of allowable subject matter is greatly appreciated, and accordingly, by the current Amendment claim 26 has been amended to include therein the subject matter of allowable claim 35, and claims 21, 22, 24, 25, 28, 32, 34, 35 and 96-100 have been cancelled. Thus, with regard to the currently pending claims, claim 26 corresponds to allowable claim 35, claim 27 corresponds to allowable claim 28, claim 31 corresponds to allowable claim 32, and claim 33 corresponds to allowable claim 34.

Accordingly, because only claims remain which have been indicated to be allowable by the Examiner, it is respectfully submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance, with the allowed claims being 26, 27, 31, 33 and 36-95, and an early Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

If after reviewing this Amendment, the Examiner believes that any issues remain which must be resolved before the application can be passed to issue, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicants' undersigned representative by telephone to resolve such issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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